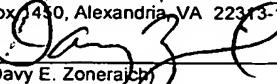




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Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2009, finally rejecting claims 13-19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: